

the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) The general law relating to consent by political subdivisions to the creation of districts with conservation, reclamation, and road powers and the inclusion of land in those districts has been complied with.

(e) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act have been fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3173 on May 26, 2017: Yeas 137, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2017: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

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FEES CHARGED BY THE ROLLING PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING A FEE

CHAPTER 609

H.B. No. 3185

AN ACT

relating to fees charged by the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District;
authorizing a fee.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 8867.103, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) The district may assess fees under Section 36.122(e) or 36.205(c), Water Code, in an annual amount not to exceed:

(1) \$1 per acre-foot of water used for agricultural use; ~~or~~

(2) 17 cents per thousand gallons of water used for any other purpose; *or*

(3) *notwithstanding any limitations on the amount of an export fee or surcharge authorized under Section 36.122(e), Water Code, 150 percent of the maximum commercial water rate charged by the City of Wichita Falls for groundwater exported from the district.*

(c) *The district may use funds obtained from an export fee imposed under Subsection (a)(3) only to enhance:*

(1) *aquifer monitoring, modeling, and data collection; and*

(2) *research to advance the scientific understanding of the district's groundwater resources.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 139, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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**ELIGIBILITY OF EVENTS, INCLUDING CERTAIN NASCAR
EVENTS, TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH THE MAJOR
EVENTS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

CHAPTER 610

H.B. No. 3294

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of events, including certain NASCAR events, to receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 5A(a)(4), Chapter 1507 (S.B. 456), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Event" means a Super Bowl, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four tournament game, the National Basketball Association All-Star Game, the X Games, the National Hockey League All-Star Game, the Major League Baseball All-Star Game, a game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Bowl Championship Series or its successor or a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason playoff or championship game, the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's or women's lacrosse championships, a World Cup Soccer game, the World Cup soccer tournament, the Major League Soccer All-Star Game, the Major League Soccer Cup, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association National Finals Rodeo, an Elite Rodeo Association World Championship, the United States Open Championship, the World Games, a national collegiate championship of an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee, an Olympic activity, including a Junior or Senior activity, training program, or feeder program sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee's Community Olympic Development Program, the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games, a mixed martial arts championship, the Breeders' Cup World Championships, a Formula One automobile race, the Moto Grand Prix of the United States, the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) All-Star Race, the season-ending Championship Race for the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), the Academy of Country Music Awards, the National Cutting Horse Association Triple Crown, a national political convention of the Republican National Committee or the Democratic National Committee, a presidential general election debate, or the largest event held each year at a sports entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of not less than 125,000. The term includes any activities related to or associated with an event.

SECTION 2. Section 5A, Chapter 1507 (S.B. 456), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsection (a-4) to read as follows:

(a-1) An event not listed in Subsection (a)(4) of this section is ineligible for funding under this section. A listed event may receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program under this section only if:

(1) a site selection organization selects a site located in this state for the event to be